

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as detailed in the substitute specification (excluding the claims) attached to this paper, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, both a marked-up copy and a clean copy of the substitute specification are submitted herewith. This substitute specification contains no new matter.

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace the drawing sheets containing originally filed Figs. 1-7 with the following five (5) Replacement Sheets. These Replacement Sheets delete originally filed Figs. 4-6 as redundant, and re-number the drawing figures to reflect that cancellation. These Replacement Sheets contain no new matter.

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Amendment to complete the Amendment previously submitted on November 13, 2003, which referenced a substitute specification and replacement drawings ("the 2003 Amendment"). The 2003 Amendment shown in PAIR does not include either the substitute specification or the replacement drawings, as described below.

Substitute Specification

It appears that the present substitute specification was filed at some point (shown in PAIR on 11/29/2000), but there is no record of the substitute specification being attached to the 2003 Amendment, possibly due to a clerical error. In case there is any confusion regarding the correct state of the specification, Applicant submits this substitute specification as the definitive and final version of the specification for publication of the issued patent. The changes herein are made with respect to the specification as originally filed, and not with respect to the previously filed substitute specification, which may or may not have been entered.

The substitute specification does not add new matter to the Application. The amendments in the substitute specification serve to correct typographical and grammatical errors, address incorrect reference numbers, reference the deletion of two of the drawing figures, and add paragraph numbers to the specification. It is noted that the added paragraph numbers to the specification are not shown in underlining, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.

Replacement Drawings

It appears that these replacement drawings may not have been filed properly in connection with the 2003 Amendment, but if they were filed, they do not appear to have been entered. Accordingly, Applicant now submits these replacement drawings as the definitive and final version of the drawings in the Application. These drawings merely delete two redundant drawings (original Figs. 4 and 6). Thus, these amendments do not add new matter to the Application.

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CONCLUSION

Entry of this Amendment and prompt notification to that effect is solicited. It is believed that no fee is required for entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
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